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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE PRAISED CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER ON TUESDAY FOR ''JUDICIOUS,'' LIMITED APPROVAL OF THE USE OF JOURNALISM, EDUCATION AND CHURCHES TO PROVIDE ''COVERS'' FOR SPIES.

REP. EDWARD BOLAND, D-MASS., MADE THE COMMENT IN A LETTER REPLYING TO TURNER'S WRITTEN RESPONSE TO BOLAND'S EARLIER QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

TURNER'S LETTER WAS NOT RELEASED. HOWEVER, A CIA AIDE TESTIFIED IN A SENATE HEARING LAST MONTH THAT TURNER HAD APPROVED THREE WAIVERS OF CIA RULES AGAINST USING THE PROFESSIONS TO DISGUISE AGENTS' TRUE WORK, BUT HAD NEVER FOLLOWED THROUGH IN AN ACTUAL OPERATION.

BOLAND TOLD TURNER, ''YOU NOTE IN YOUR LETTER THAT SUCH EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN LIMITED AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED ONLY IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE, IN YOUR OPINION, THEY COULD LEAD TO TRULY IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES.''

HE ADDED, ''I COMMEND YOUR JUDICIOUS USE OF THE WAIVER AUTHORITY WHICH YOU HAVE RESERVED TO YOURSELF.''

TURNER AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OPPOSE A SECTION IN THE PROPOSED NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CHARTER WHICH WOULD FLATLY PROHIBIT USING THE THREE PROFESSIONS FOR MOST INTELLIGENCE WORK.

BOLAND TOUCHED ON THAT SUBJECT, TELLING TURNER THAT ''I TRUST ALSO THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE APPROACH TO THE USE OF COVER THAT WILL ALLAY THE FEARS OF THOSE AMERICANS WHOSE PROFESSIONS TAKE THEM ABROAD AND WHO WILL NOT HAVE THE ADVANTAGE -- AS HAVE I -- OF EXAMINING THE ACTUAL USE TO WHICH SUCH COVER IS PUT BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.''
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